Dear teachers and students,

Thank you for taking part in World Singing Day. It’s my vision that people of all ages in communities around the world will gather together on the same day each year to sing together, have fun, and celebrate our common humanity. What a wonderful world that would be.

Scott Johnson
Founder, World Singing Day

Founded in 2012 by Colorado musician Scott Johnson, World Singing Day brings people together in their communities all around the world through the simple act of singing together. It’s an opportunity each year to celebrate our global family through the international language of music.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, World Singing Day is not religious or political, nor does it promote any one country or culture. It aims to transcend those differences and celebrate what we all share as human beings.

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Lesson 1 of 3  Lesson Focus: **How music makes us feel**  (15-20 minutes)

**Introduction**

Teacher (T): I would like you to THINK about your favorite kind of music. (Give them a few seconds.)

**T:** I want to know how that music makes you feel when you LISTEN to it. 
**Students share.** (e.g. happy, excited, pumped up, sleepy, joyful)

**T:** I’m curious how that music makes you feel when you MOVE to it?  
**Students share.** (e.g. relaxed, exuberant, joyful, dreamy)

**T:** Listening to music and moving to music usually makes a lot of people feel positive feelings. I want to share something with you and afterwards, I’m going to ask you how it makes you feel.

(Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings”) [https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song](https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song)

Or play this video: [https://youtu.be/T6gwYjiODYA](https://youtu.be/T6gwYjiODYA)

**T:** So how did that song make you feel?  
**Students share.** (Show students genuine interest in their feelings. Be present with them.)

**T:** When I hear that song, it makes me feel excited to sing along with them. It’s such a simple song with beautiful lyrics:

“I sing to you. You sing to me. We sing together till the whole world sings.”

The people in this video were all singing the same song but in all different places around the world. What did you notice about the people in the video who were singing? (e.g. big groups, small groups, children, adults, different styles, solos, with instruments.)  
**Students share.** (Give them examples if they don’t have any at first.)

**T:** I’m very excited to tell you that on the third Saturday in October, we are going to do what these people did. We are going to learn that same song, sing it, record it and then share it with the world on WSD!

**T:** Let’s write the lyrics down on the board. Can you help me? (Ask students if they can remember them as you write them down.) Let’s watch the video again and follow along with the lyrics as we listen.

(Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings”) [https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song](https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song)
**Show students melody sheet.** (If time allows.)
Teacher can show the melody sheet on overhead, document projector or on the computer.

**Sing through the melody a couple of times with the “Till The Whole World Sings” MP3 as students follow the melody sheet.** (As you sing, ask them to recognize the patterns in this melody. Point at the melody line while singing. It’s best to model taking a risk in front of the students. Even if you are not comfortable singing, take the risk and try your best. Your students are watching you and they learn how to face musical challenges by how YOU face them. Celebrate the journey together and cast off your inhibitions and sing with them! As the students gain in their confidence of the melody you can invite a student volunteer to lead the singing.)

**T:** Tomorrow we will listen and sing again but I’m going to send this song sheet with the music notes home with you today. If you have a piano or other instrument at home or your grandparent plays an instrument or your neighbor sings, ask them to sing it with you and practice it at home. Tomorrow I’d love to see your ideas about motions we could add to the song while we are singing.

**Handout song sheet:.**

**Print out the Media Release Form** or send this link to parents to print and sign:

**Key Words:** (Can be used for spelling or vocabulary practice)
Music, Feelings, Lyrics, Singing
Day 2 of 3  Lesson Focus: Sharing Music Together  (15-20 minutes)

Introduction  
Teacher (T): (To transition into this lesson from other classroom work, simple pull up the video and start it playing as they finish their previous activity and put themselves in front of you for the lesson. Encourage them to sing what they can remember from yesterday. )

(Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings”) https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song

T: Beautiful. Raise your hand if you had a chance to sing the song on your own since we learned it yesterday. I thought a lot about the song and it’s been growing inside my heart. The message of this song is so beautiful. It makes me think about being your teacher. I love being your teacher and coming into work each day is so much fun. I teach you things and believe it or not, you guys teach me things too! You’ve actually helped me learn how to not be afraid about making mistakes. Sometimes I say the wrong words during a lesson or sometimes I forget the name of something during a lesson, but you are all there smiling at me and believing in me. While we sing the song “Till The Whole World Sings” today, I want you to think about what I just said. I am here smiling at you. Your classmates are all singing with you.

People being together with music is what World Singing Day is all about. We don’t need to be worried about singing the song right or being really fancy, we can just sing together and do something special together. Today while we sing together, let’s focus on how we are feeling while we are sharing music together. I have a feeling that our smiles will be bouncing back and forth in this room!

(Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings”) https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song  
Or play this video: https://youtu.be/4p1vf-ba5vc

(Watch them while they are singing and comment to them/encourage them if you see anyone doing motions.)

Lead the group in determining motions for the group to learn while they are singing.

Practice those motions several times. If time allows or if you desire, use the accompaniment MP3.

Lead the class in a discussion about how they felt singing together. Reiterate the part about not worrying about getting it perfect and having fun singing together.

T: Tomorrow we will make our video of the song. I’m so excited to share our music with the world. Later on in the school year we’ll get the chance to watch everyone else’s video.

Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings” (https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song) as you transition to your next activity. At the end of the day, remind the students about bringing in their permission forms for the video recording.

Key Words: Singing, Together, Sharing, Music, Being Musical Together
Lesson Focus: Video recording of “Till The Whole World Sings”

Introduction

Teacher (T): (To transition into this lesson from other classroom work, simple pull up the video and start it playing as they finish their previous activity and put themselves in front of you for the lesson. Encourage them to sing what they can remember from yesterday.)

(Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings”) https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song
Or play this video: https://youtu.be/4p1vf-baSvc

T: I’ve been looking forward to singing together with all of you today! Let’s get ready to record our song for the world.

(If students made props or a particular arrangement was made for set-up, have students prepare those materials and get into place for the recording.)

T: We are going to record us singing the song a couple of different times. This first time, let’s send our smile right through the camera and send it to the person in Colorado who started this fun idea. His name is Scott Johnson. Let’s send our first smile to Scott!

Make the first recording of “Till The Whole World Sings.” (Give encouraging words and praise.) Use a smart phone or camera and film it horizontally (not vertically) and make sure to keep it steady or secure on a tripod. Have plenty of light with the main light source being in front of the children (like light coming in from a window).

(Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings”) https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song
Feel free to sing the song without the video in the background as well. Be creative. Have staff members play the guitar, piano, autoharp or xylophones or just sing it a cappella.

T: Who can we send our next smiles to? Take a photo with the “Singing from” sign: http://worldsingingday.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Singing-from.pdf Send that to us by email or post on Facebook.

Students share. (Maybe list the students ideas so they can look at them while they are singing. e.g. they might say, “Grandma in Maine, children in Africa, my cousins in New Jersey, etc.)

Make the second recording of “Till The Whole World Sings.” (It’s always nice to have two videos to pick from.) (Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings”) https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song

T: We are going to share our video with someone special and we are going to say something to them before we sing it to them. (Then email this video to that person. Or send it to your principal or your town mayor and let them know you are singing with the world. Or maybe email it and a photo to your local newspaper.)
Make a final recording of the song “Till The Whole World Sings” with a dedication to another group or person. (Play WSD song “Till The Whole World Sings”)
https://worldsingingday.org/theme-song

Lead the class in a discussion about how they felt singing together.

T: I’m so excited to share our music with the world. Let’s watch one of the videos we just recorded! (At the end of the day, remind the students about bringing in their permission forms for the video recording)

Upload one or all of your videos to YouTube and include the hashtag #worldsingingday, and your school’s name and class, city, state/region, and country. Email the YouTube link(s) and a photo to Music@WorldSingingDay.org.

Extension Idea: Print out the appropriate writing sheets and have the students fill them out.


Key Words: Video Recording, World, World Singing Day, Singing, Global Competency
Till the Whole World Sings

I sing to you.
And you sing to me.
We sing together,
Till the whole world sings.

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World Singing Day Theme Song

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I sing to you_____ and you sing to me.

We sing togetter____ till the whole world sings.
On World Singing Day, I want to sing

_____________________________________________________ (name of song)

with ______________________________ (name of friend or family member)

because when I sing, I feel . . .”
We sing together 'till the whole world sings.

I sing to you and you sing to me.

WSD Theme Song “Till the Whole World Sings”
Celebrating World Singing Day! (3rd Saturday each October)

World Singing Day

Sing to you, and you

Sing to me. We sing

Together, all the whole

World sings
Media Release Form

Consent to use Photographs, Quotes or Videos of Students

I hereby consent to the use of photographs, quotes and video of _______________________
(student name) by World Singing Day (WSD), a Colorado non-profit organization, with the
mission of uniting the world through singing together.

I also grant WSD the right to edit, use, and reuse photos, quotes or video for use in print, on-
line, and all other forms of media. I release WSD and its agents and employees from all claims,
demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Date: __________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18): __________________________________

Or

Signature of student (if 18 or over): ________________________________________________

School name and location (city, state, province, country):
_____________________________________________________________________________

Email this completed form to music@worldsingingday.org.

Thank you!

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We’re singing from:
What is World Singing Day?
Founded in 2012, World Singing Day is a community building experience using the simple act of singing together, and takes place in cities around the world on the third Saturday in October each year. Not a performance or competition, World Singing Day is for people of all ages and backgrounds — singers and “non-singers” alike. Besides being a fun, feel-good event, the sing-along experience helps to alleviate loneliness and anxiety by connecting people on a deeper level to others in their community and to the broader global family.

What does WSD look like?
Some people sing spontaneously with friends and family at home, in the car, or in the park. Students sing at school assemblies. Others invite the whole community to sing popular songs together in the center of town. Here’s a video of different kinds of sing-alongs: https://youtu.be/WSFP1m_FfNM

How does one participate?
You can either join an existing sing-along, host your own sing-along with friends and family or with your whole community, or simply sing the Song of the Year and share it on social media using the hashtag #worldsingingday (details at www.WorldSingingDay.org).

What does a host do?
If you decide you’d like to host your own WSD event:
1. Select a time of day and place for your October 17 sing-along
2. Create a local planning committee to organize and promote your event
3. Choose a set of songs to sing (45 to 90 minutes is a good length)
4. Invite friends, family or your whole community
5. Print and hand out lyric sheets, read lyrics on your phone, or project lyrics on a screen
6. Sing along to recorded or live music (singing along to the original recordings works well)
7. Sing together on WSD, the third Saturday in October each year
8. Share photos and videos on social media (#worldsingingday)

Do I need to register my event?
If your event is free and open to the public, we encourage you to register your event to receive support and resources from the WSD team, a custom logo and your event listed on our website and global map. If your sing-along is a private or paid event, there's no need to register.

What songs do we sing?
Each host chooses whatever songs they like based on what is popular or appropriate in their area or country. Songs that most people are familiar with, and that are easy to sing, are often the best options. There are no rehearsals and people sing together for the pure joy of it. Each year, a montage video is created using video clips sent to us from around the world of people singing the WSD Song of the Year. People can also sing the simple WSD theme song “Till the Whole Sings.”

What’s next?
If you have questions or would like to go ahead and register, contact us at music@worldsingingday.org.

Detailed resources are available once you register your event.
3 ways to participate on World Singing Day

1. **SING THE SONG OF THE YEAR**
   Sing the WSD Song of the Year with friends and family and submit a 30-second video clip.*

2. **JOIN A SING-ALONG IN YOUR AREA**
   Visit www.WorldSingingDay.org to see if there’s a sing-along in your area.

3. **HOST YOUR OWN SING-ALONG**
   Invite friends, family, or your whole community for a WSD sing-along.*

*Details at WorldSingingDay.org
The global sing-along for everyone

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Sing at home with family and friends. Sing in the park with neighbors and coworkers. Sing with your whole community in the center of town. Everyone, from shower singers to celebrities, can sing. That includes YOU!

To find events, resources and inspiration, visit WorldSingingDay.org.